

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A solid preparation for dialysis comprising a mixture of (1) granules of a first composition comprising core particles comprising particles of sodium chloride, and a coating layer covering the core particles and containing (a) 0 to 50% by weight of sodium chloride and (b) 100 to 50% by weight of one or more electrolytes selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and sodium acetate, ~~the first composition being granulated into~~ granules having an average particle diameter of 300 to 1,700  $\mu\text{m}$ , (2) granules of a second composition comprising core particles comprising particles of a sugar, the core particles being covered with a coating layer ~~comprising~~ consisting of said sugar or a different sugar, ~~the second composition being granulated into~~ granules having an average particle diameter of 300 to 1,700  $\mu\text{m}$ , the granules of the first composition having about the same average particle diameter as the particles of the second composition, and (3) an acid, said solid preparation not containing sodium bicarbonate.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (original) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the acid is acetic acid, hydrochloric acid or lactic acid.

5-6. (canceled)

7. (original) A sodium bicarbonate solid preparation for dialysis comprising the solid preparation for dialysis claimed in claim 1 and a solid preparation containing sodium bicarbonate.

8. (currently amended) A solid preparation for dialysis prepared by a process comprising:

spraying an aqueous solution containing one or more electrolytes selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and sodium acetate onto core particles comprising particles of sodium chloride to obtain first coated particles, and drying the first coated particles to obtain granules of a first composition having an average particle diameter of 300 to 1,700  $\mu\text{m}$ ;

spraying, onto core particles comprising particles of a sugar, an aqueous solution into which said sugar or a different sugar is dissolved to obtain second coated particles, and drying the second

coated particles to obtain granules of a second composition having an average particle diameter of 300 to 1,700  $\mu\text{m}$  and which is about the same average particle diameter as the granules of the first composition; and

mixing the granules of the first composition and the granules of the second composition, and mixing the resultant mixture with an acid to obtain a solid preparation for dialysis.

9. (currently amended) A solid preparation for dialysis prepared by a process comprising:

spraying an aqueous solution containing one or more electrolytes selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium chloride and sodium acetate onto core particles comprising particles of sodium chloride to obtain first coated particles, and drying the particles to obtain granules of a first composition having an average particle diameter of 300 to 1,700  $\mu\text{m}$ ;

spraying, onto core particles comprising particles of a sugar, an aqueous solution of said sugar or a different sugar to obtain second coated particles, and drying the second coated particles to obtain granules of a second composition having an average particle

diameter of 300 to 1,700  $\mu\text{m}$  and which is about the same average particle diameter as the granules of the first composition; and

mixing an acid with the granules of the first composition, and subsequently mixing the resultant mixture with the granules of the second composition to obtain a solid preparation for dialysis.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core particles of the first composition comprise up to 15% by weight of particles of an electrolyte selected from the group consisting of magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, potassium chloride, and sodium acetate.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the calcium chloride is calcium chloride dihydrate, calcium chloride monohydrate or calcium chloride anhydride.

14. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the calcium chloride is calcium chloride dihydrate, calcium chloride monohydrate or calcium chloride anhydride.

15. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the magnesium chloride is magnesium chloride hexahydrate.

16. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the magnesium chloride is magnesium chloride hexahydrate.

17. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sodium acetate is sodium acetate anhydride or sodium acetate trihydrate.

18. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sodium acetate is sodium acetate anhydride or sodium acetate trihydrate.

19. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the concentration of said one or more electrolytes in the aqueous solution used in step (1) is 15 to 50% by weight.

20. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the concentration of said one or more electrolytes in the aqueous solution used in step (1) is 15 to 50% by weight.

21. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 8, wherein the concentration of said sugar in the aqueous solution used in step (2) is 1 to 60% by weight.

22. (previously presented) The solid preparation for dialysis as claimed in claim 9, wherein the concentration of said sugar in the aqueous solution used in step (2) is 1 to 60% by weight.

23. (canceled)